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SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENTS TRIP TURNDOWN

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1. FOLLOWING LONG PERIOD OF EXCELLENT TRIP RECORD FOR AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS, FIVE CORRESPONDENTS (SMITH, SEEGER, PARKS, GRULIOW AND KAISER) IN EFFECT TURNED DOWN FOR KAZAKHSTAN HARVEST TRIP WITH NOVOSTI EXCUSE THAT EVERYONE IN KAZAKHSTAN "TOO BUSY." THIS FOLLOWS RECENT SEEGER TRIP TO BAIKAL AREA WITH U.S. POLLUTION GROUP, SEVERAL CORRESPONDENTS TO KIEV HORSE SHOW, KAISER TO PETRAZAVODSK, MCGUIRE TO KRASNOYARSK AREA (SHABAD INVITED BUT UNABLE TO GO) AND GRULIOW CAMPING TRIP (IF WITH NOVOSTI "GUIDE" ALONG). SEEGER-SMITH KAZAKHSTAN APPLICATION LAST YEAR SIMILARLY TREATED.

2. SEEGER REPORTS HAVING HEARD DEPARTMENT CONSIDERING TURNDOWN FOR SOVIET CORRESPONDENT TRIP APPLICATION. EMBASSY WOULD SUPPORT THIS OR SIMILAR ACTION. IN LIGHT OF CONTINUING SMITH PROBLEMS (REFTEL, RECOMMEND RECONSIDERATION OF SUITABLE RESTRICTION AGAINST STRELNIKOV, EVEN IF HE CAN GET AROUND PRESS CONFERENCE TURNAWAY BY GETTING MATERIAL ELSEWHERE.
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